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USUN FOR AMBASSADOR MC CLOSKEY

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: OGEN CY

SUBJECT: REFERENCE TO AMB MC CLOSKEY AS "STATE DEPARTMENT  
SPOKESMAN"

1. LOCAL MEDIA ARE STARTING TO ASK US ABOUT SIGNIFICANCE OF  
REFERENCE TO AMBASSADOR MC CLOSKEY AS "STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN"  
WHICH THEY APPARENTLY HAVE PICKED UP FROM A NEW YORK TIMES STORY.  
(EUR WIRELESS FILE SEP 25, ITEM 24 ALSO USED THIS DESCRIPTION.)

2. WHEN ASKED, WE ARE MAKING FOLLOWING ORAL STATEMENT:  
QUOTE AMBASSADOR MC CLOSKEY IS IN THE UNITED STATES FOR SEVERAL  
WEEKS FOR CONSULTATIONS ON ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS WITH THE NEW  
SECRETARY OF STATE, AS WAS INDICATED IN THE EMBASSY PRESS RELEASE  
LAST THURSDAY. DURING HIS VISIT, IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT HE  
MAY ACT FROM TIME TO TIME AS A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SECRETARY.  
END QUOTE

3. IF ASKED, EMBASSY WILL REPLY ON OFF-THE-RECORD BASIS  
THAT IT QUOTE HAS NO INFORMATION TO SUGGEST AMBASSADOR  
MC CLOSKEY HAS BEEN FORMALLY REDESIGNATED IN SPOKESMAN  
CAPACITY WHICH OF COURSE HE OCCUPIED FOR SOME YEARS END  
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QUOTE. ALSO ON IF ASKED BASIS, WE WILL MAKE CLEAR THAT

WE HAVE NO REASON TO CHANGE STATEMENT IN THURSDAY PRESS  
RELEASE THAT VISIT WOULD LAST "SEVERAL WEEKS."

4. WISH TO REMIND DEPARTMENT THAT ANY  
REFERENCE TO AMBASSADOR AS "SPOKESMAN" STIRS UP A VOLLEY  
OF SPECULATION HERE AS TO HIS FUTURE.  
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